Sessions Cases.

113. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Sessions Cases tried in each of the Sessions Courts in the State from Edavom 1113 to Meenam 1114 ;

(*b*) the number of cases convicted ; and

(*c*) the number of cases acquitted in each of the Courts ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*) : (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). *A statement giving the required details is laid on the table.

Board of conciliation of labour disputes.

114. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Board of Conciliation of Labour Disputes in the Mats and Matting Industry was started ; and

(*b*) when the Board is expected to complete its work and submit its report.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) On the 20th December 1938.

(*b*) By the 15th July 1939.

Constitution of a Labour Department in the State.

115. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps, and if so what for the constitution of a Labour Department in the State ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Thottappalli Bridge.

116. * MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have enquired into the case of the collapse of the Thottappally Bridge ;

(*b*) what was the cause of the collapse of the bridge ; and

(*c*) whether the collapse has caused any loss of human life ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two boats supporting one end of the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason.

(*c*) No.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know from the member whether it was not due to the rottenness of a plank at the bottom of the boat that the bridge collapsed ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : That is perfectly right.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Then, may I know why it has been stated in answer to (*b*) that the bridge suddenly gave way due to some unknown reason ?

Vide Appendix IV.

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MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: How the plank gave way is unknown and hence the answer.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the boat was not examined at the time of loading?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: At first it was in good condition. Otherwise it could not have floated.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിന്റെ കാരണത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്നും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയില്ലേ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: അന്വേഷിച്ചതിന്റെ ഫലമായിട്ടാണ് ഇങ്ങനെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചത്. പാലത്തിന്റെ സാമാനം കയറ്റിയശേഷം അടിയിലുള്ള പലക ഇളകിപ്പോയതാണ്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാമെന്ന് ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ അന്വേഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലം എന്തായി?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: ആ അന്വേഷണത്തിനാലാണ് അവിചാരിതമായി നടന്ന സംഗതിയാണെന്നു തെളിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that it was answered last time by the Director of Development that it may reasonably be suspected to be a case of sabbotage?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Last time the Director of Development did not answer the question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether it was not answered that it may reasonably be suspected to be a case of sabbotage?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It was not answered so.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla*): May I know who conducted the enquiry?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The Police and the P. W. Department.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR: May I know who was in charge of the construction work.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The Director of Development was in charge of the construction work.

Stores Purchase Committee.

117 *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who is the present Secretary of the Stores Purchase Committee;

(*b*) what are the functions of the Secretary of the Stores Purchase Committee; and

(*c*) whether the present incumbent is in charge of any other department; what are his other functions, if any?

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